

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Hartford**

**Minutes of Meeting  
of  
October 3, 2012**

(approved November 7, 2012)

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Wednesday, October 4, 2012, at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1D, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT.

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Present: Allan Taylor, Chair  
Theresa Hopkins-Staton  
Ellen Camhi  
Andreea Dinicu  
Charles Jaskiewicz  
Terry Jones\*  
Patricia Keavney-Maruca  
Patricia Luke  
Rebecca Salustri  
Joseph Vrabely

Absent: Estela López  
Michael Meotti, Ex-Officio Designee  
Ferdinand Risco  
Stephen Wright

**II. Public Participation**

- 1) Cheryl Martone, member of the US Concerned Parents Support Group, expressed concerns about her son being bullied at school.

\*Mr. Jones arrived at 9:47 a.m.

### **III. Consideration of Minutes of September 5, 2012, State Board of Education Meeting**

Mr. Jaskiewicz moved, Mr. Vrabely seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the September 5, 2012, State Board of Education Meeting.

VOTE ON MOTION:	In Favor:	Camhi, Hopkins-Staten, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Keavney-Maruca, Luke, Taylor, Vrabely
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	López, Risco, Wright

Motion carried unanimously.

### **IV. Consent Agenda**

Mr. Jaskiewicz moved, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten seconded, that the Board approve the following Consent Agenda items: IV.A., Approval of Licensure of a program in Dental Hygiene, leading to an Associate of Science (AS) degree, Goodwin College; IV.B., Approval of Licensure of a program in Human Services, leading to the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree, Goodwin College; IV.C., Approval of Licensure of a program in Advanced Orthopedic Physical Therapy, leading to an Advanced Graduate Certificate to be offered on-ground and online, Sacred Heart University; IV.D., Approval of Licensure of a program in Digital Marketing Leading to a Master of Science (MS) degree, to be offered on-ground and online, Sacred Heart University; IV.E., Approval of Licensure of a program in Film and Television Production, Leading to the Master of Arts (MA) degree, to be offered on-ground and online, Sacred Heart University; IV.F., Approval of Licensure of a program in Human Resources Management, leading to a Master of Science (MS) degree, to be offered on-ground and online, Sacred Heart University; IV.G., Approval of Licensure of a program in Speech-Language Pathology, leading to a Master of Science (MS) degree, Sacred Heart University; IV.H., Approval of Licensure of a program in Public Health, leading to a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree, University of Saint Joseph; IV.I., Approval of Accreditation of a program in Nursing Practice, leading to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree, Sacred Heart University; IV.J., Approval of Accreditation of a program in Professional Studies, leading to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) or a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree, to be offered on-ground and online, Sacred Heart University; IV.K., Approval of Licensure and Accreditation of a program in Addiction Counseling, leading to a Graduate Certificate to be offered on-ground and online, Albertus Magnus College; IV.L., Approval of Licensure and Accreditation of a program in Alcohol and Drug Counseling, leading to a Graduate Certificate to be offered online, Post University.

**A. Approval of Licensure of a program in Dental Hygiene, leading to an Associate of Science (AS) degree, Goodwin College**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Dental Hygiene, leading to an Associate of Science (A.S.) degree, to be offered by Goodwin College for a period of two years, until October 31, 2014, provided that the College achieve provisional status by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), prior to enrolling students in the Dental Hygiene program; and that the College provide a progress report each year, beginning one year after licensure until the program is accredited, providing evidence that the team's recommendations outlined in the staff report have been fully implemented.

**B. Approval of Licensure of a program in Human Services, leading to the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree, Goodwin College**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Human Services, leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, to be offered by Goodwin College for a period of three years, until October 31, 2015.

**C. Approval of Licensure of a program in Advanced Orthopedic Physical Therapy, leading to an Advanced Graduate Certificate to be offered on-ground and online, Sacred Heart University**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Advance Orthopedic Physical Therapy, leading to a Graduate Certificate, to be offered by Sacred Heart University on-ground and online for a period of one year, until October 31, 2013.

**D. Approval of Licensure of a program in Digital Marketing Leading to a Master of Science (MS) degree, to be offered on-ground and online, Sacred Heart University**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Digital Marketing, leading to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree, to be offered by Sacred Heart University on-ground and online for a period of one year, until October 31, 2013.

**E. Approval of Licensure of a program in Film and Television Production, leading to the Master of Arts (MA) degree, to be offered on-ground and online, Sacred Heart University**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Film and Television Production, leading to a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree, to be offered by Sacred Heart University on-ground and online for a period of one year, until October 31, 2013.

**F. Approval of Licensure of a program in Human Resources Management, leading to a Master of Science (MS) degree, to be offered on-ground and online, Sacred Heart University**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Human Resources Management, leading to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree, to be offered by Sacred Heart University on-ground and online for a period of one year, until October 31, 2013.

**G. Approval of Licensure of a program in Speech-Language Pathology, leading to a Master of Science (MS) degree, Sacred Heart University**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Speech-Language Pathology, leading to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree, to be offered by Sacred Heart University for a period of two years, until October 31, 2014 provided that the University provide a progress report to the Office of Higher education each year until the program is accredited beginning October 2013; and that progress report include a status on the following areas: accreditation process with American Speech, Language and Hearing Association (ASHA), advisory board committee, hiring of faculty and professional staff, clinical contract agreements, and lab space for faculty and student research.

**H. Approval of Licensure of a program in Public Health, leading to a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree, University of Saint Joseph**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Public Health, leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, to be offered by the University of Saint Joseph for a period of three years, until October 31, 2015, provided that the University submit on or before June 1, 2013, a yearly progress report, prior to enrolling students, regarding the status of course development and the hiring of a program director.

**I. Approval of Accreditation of a program in Nursing Practice, leading to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree, Sacred Heart University**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, accredit a program in Nursing Practice, leading to a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree, to be offered by Sacred Heart University, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

**J. Approval of Accreditation of a program in Professional Studies, leading to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) or a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree, to be offered on-ground and online, Sacred Heart University**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, accredit a program in Professional Studies, leading to a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, to be offered on-ground and online by Sacred Heart University, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

**K. Approval of Licensure and Accreditation of a program in Addiction Counseling, leading to a Graduate Certificate to be offered on-ground and online, Albertus Magnus College**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license and accredit a program in Addiction Counseling, leading to a Graduate Certificate to be offered on-ground and online by Albertus Magnus College for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

**L. Approval of Licensure and Accreditation of a program in Alcohol and Drug Counseling, leading to a Graduate Certificate to be offered online, Post University**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license and accredit a program in Alcohol and Drug Counseling, leading to a Graduate Certificate to be offered online by Post University for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

VOTE ON	In Favor:	Camhi, Hopkins-Staten, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Keavney-Maruca,
MOTIONS:		Luke, Taylor, Vrabely
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	López, Risco, Wright

Motions carried unanimously.

**V. Items Requiring Action**

**A. Approval of Licensure of a program in Medicine, leading to a Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree, Quinnipiac University**

Mr. Jaskiewicz moved, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten seconded, the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Medicine, leading to a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree, to be offered by Quinnipiac University for a period of three years, until October 31, 2015, provided that the School of Medicine provide a copy of any and all materials and actions taken by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education regarding the ongoing status of the development of the School of Medicine. In addition, a progress report is to be provided to the Office of Higher Education beginning November 30, 2012 and each year thereafter until the program receives full accreditation. The progress report will include the status of the following areas: curriculum development of the program, faculty hiring, student enrollment, facility development, and educational and financial resources.

VOTE ON MOTION:	In Favor:	Camhi, Hopkins-Staten, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Keavney-Maruca, Luke, Taylor, Vrabely
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	López, Risco, Wright

Motion carried unanimously.

## **B. Appointments to Connecticut Technical High School Governing Board**

Mrs. Luke moved, Mr. Jaskiewicz seconded, that the State Board of Education pursuant to Public Act No. 12-116, Section 69, approves the following appointments to the Technical High School System Board:

- Patricia Keavney-Maruca
- Matthew Nemerson
- Dr. Lillian Ortiz
- Robert Trefry
- Joseph J. Vrabely, Jr.

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action

VOTE ON	In Favor:	Camhi, Hopkins-Staten, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Keavney-Maruca,
MOTION:		Luke, Taylor, Vrabely
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	López, Risco, Wright

Motion carried unanimously.

## **VI. Report of the Chair**

Chairperson Allan Taylor referred to his written report, which covered the following topics:

- Parent Success Kits/Commissioner's Network Schools;
- Mrs. Luke and Mr. Wright attended the CABA Board of Directors Roundtable Session on September 13, 2012;
- Ms. Dinicu and Ms. Salustri attended the first meeting of the State Student Advisory Council on Education on September 19, 2012;
- Mr. Taylor, Commissioner Pryor and Mr. Meotti attended the September 13-14, Achieve American Diploma Project meeting in Washington, D.C. The meeting focused on the process of implementing the college- and career-ready diploma project, and participants learned a lot about what other states are doing with regard to the Common Core. Mr. Taylor referred to the book, Switch: How to Change Things when Change is Hard, by Chip Heath and Dan Heath;

- Mr. Wright, Mr. Risco, and Mr. Taylor will attend the annual conference sponsored by the National Association of State Boards of Education, October 10-13, in Chicago, Illinois; and
- On October 29, Mr. Jones will attend the second meeting of the Student Health Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Hopkins-Staten reported on a new Department initiative to enhance the involvement of parents and caregivers in a child's educational development and experience. She stated that a student success kit, which includes a "Parent Tip Sheet," attractive bookmark and book, was designed by staff and has been distributed to parents at two of the Commissioner's Network Schools (Curiale School in Bridgeport; and Milner School in Hartford). A similar forum will be scheduled at Stanton School in Norwich. She commented that the events were well-attended, and parents enjoyed an interactive early literacy activity with children, that was led by Betsy LeBoriosis of CREC. Mrs. Hopkins-Staten thanked Department staff members who assisted with this initiative.

## **VII. Report of the Commissioner**

Commissioner Stefan Pryor reported on the following:

- Mrs. Hopkins-Staten is to be commended for her initiative and contributions regarding the Parent Success Kits and the success of the parent forums at Curiale School in Bridgeport and Milner School in Hartford;
- Commissioner Pryor, Mrs. Luke and Mr. Wright engaged in a discussion with the CABE Board of Directors on September 13 regarding how education reform initiatives are evolving and how we are addressing the challenges associated with those efforts, particularly with regard to teacher evaluation and leadership. He noted that he would like to have similar sessions with CABE during the year;
- Several meetings that he has attended, including meetings with both educator unions (CEA and AFT), the CAPSS Board of Directors, the CAPSS/CAS Convocation, and the Connecticut Science Supervisors;
- Commissioner Pryor encouraged increased participation in the Teacher of the Year (TOY) Ceremony. He noted that he recently met with the TOY leadership group and will

- meet with this year's semifinalists and prior teachers of the year to solicit their input on how to improve the education profession in Connecticut. Board members will receive a formal invitation to the TOY Ceremony, scheduled for November 15, 2012, at the Bushnell Theater;
- All four Commissioner's Network Schools are fully operational;
- To date, six of the Alliance Districts have been formally approved. The Commissioner will meet with the Accountability Committee to discuss this in further detail; and
- The U.S. Department of Education awarded a \$100,000 grant to Jumoke Academy to assist in its Commissioner's Network partnership with Milner School. Jumoke is one of five charter schools in the nation to receive funding under the federal "Collaboration Awards" program, which encourages sharing of best practices and resources between charter schools and traditional public schools.

### **VIII. Connecticut Technical High School System (CTHSS) Matters**

Superintendent Patricia Ciccone informed the Board of the following:

- Approximately 450 adult post-graduate students and 10,800 day students were enrolled in the school system as of October 1, 2012;
- October is "Manufacturing Month," and this Friday a related event will be held at the Hartford Armory (Manufacturing Mania) to highlight the importance of manufacturing. Platt Tech and A.I. Prince Tech will be involved;
- The CTHSS has shared its manufacturing curriculum with the community colleges, which are aligning their syllabi to ours;
- The Bond Commission is scheduled to vote on a \$3.5 million authorization for the CTHSS this afternoon (allocated for trade technology supplies and equipment, funds for three manufacturing programs at A.I. Prince, E.C. Goodwin and Bristol Technical Schools; and funds to address environmental issues) and is scheduled to meet again on October 26, 2012;
- Construction projects currently underway, including Eli Whitney Technical High School, J.M. Wright Technical High School, and a roofing project at Stratford Aviation School; and
- \$10 million in funds is anticipated for the next biennium to support buildings and expansion of manufacturing programs.

Mrs. Camhi suggested that graduates of J.M. Wright be involved in recruiting students. Superintendent Ciccone agreed, stating that they may also be a good resource in finding instructors.

Mr. Vrabely questioned the timing of designating funds for a certain use, given that the new Technical High School System Board will be convening soon.

**IX. Items for Discussion**

A. Discussion of Technical Legislative Proposals

Sarah Hemingway, Legislative Liaison, presented the report to the Board. Discussion followed.

**X. Financial Matters**

Mr. Mahoney stated that there was nothing to report at this time. A report will be ready for the Board in November or December.

**XI. Executive Session**

The Board did not meet in Executive Session

**XII. Committee Reports**

**A. Finance, Audit and Department Matters**

Mrs. Luke reported that the committee met on September 13, 2012, but does not yet have a final audit plan.

Interviews for the Director in the Office of Internal Audit will resume on October 5, 2012.

**B. Legislation and Bylaws**

Mrs. Hopkins-Staten stated that Ms. Hemingway covered the meeting highlights in her report.

Mrs. Hopkins-Staten requested a copy of the report on the CREC Open Choice Transportation Review, as referenced in the minutes of the June 12, 2012, Finance, Audit and Department Matters Committee Meeting.

**C. Policy Development**

No report was given.

**D. Connecticut Technical High Schools**

Mr. Vrabely thanked Mrs. Hopkins-Staten, Mrs. Camhi, Mr. Jaskiewicz, and Mrs. Keavney-Maruca for their support while he served as Chair of the Connecticut Technical High Schools Committee.

**E. NASBE**

Mr. Taylor stated that he along with Mr. Wright, Mr. Risco, and Mrs. Charland will attend the National Association of State Boards of Education Annual Convention in Chicago, Illinois, October 10-13, 2012.

**F. Ad Hoc Committee on Accountability**

No report was given.

Chairman Taylor adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stefan Pryor, Secretary